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Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

**New Year's Eve Service
December 31, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

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**NEW YEAR'S EVE
(Series C)**

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Tomorrow, we celebrate the beginning of the new year. For many, that will mean a family gathering, a meal, and stories about the past. On this New Year's Eve, many will make New Year's resolutions—something they intend to change in the upcoming year. There is a good chance you already know where you will spend that time, often with family, food, and storytelling. Have you ever considered there is a day coming that will be like no other before it? That day will be a day of judgment and salvation. It will be a day when wickedness is forever vanquished to the pits of hell and the righteous will celebrate with a feast and the story of our salvation told. It will be a day of change—one the world has never seen before and never will again. Thanks be to God for that day—let us look forward to it with great joy!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Prayer of the Day*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

816 FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
 Δ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Please Remain Standing

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- A** In the name of the Father,
C **who loved us with a fatherly love before He created the world;**
- A** and of His Son, Jesus, our Savior,
C **who loved us and left His throne in heaven to redeem us with His blood;**
- A** and of the Holy Spirit,
C **by whom we were sanctified, bringing us to faith and keeping us in the faith. Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 31:11–16

- A** Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.
- C** **I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many— terror on every side!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.**
- A** But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- C** **Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- A** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
- C** **Almighty God, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may follow where He leads until that time when we, by His grace, come to dwell in Your house forever.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

- A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Word ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1-3; antiphon: Psalm 124:8

A Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C who made heaven and earth.

A Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
C His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

A The LORD has made known his salvation;
C he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

A He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C who made heaven and earth.

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A For this previous year, with all its blessings, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

A For this coming year, filled with both blessings and challenges from You, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord have mercy, and direct us by Your grace.

A That we might love our neighbors more this year than last year,
C we ask for Your mercy as we need it—hear our prayer.

A For this holy house, and all gathered tonight,
C and all those outside, that You would cover them with Your mercy,
not our judgment, hear our prayer.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O Lord.
C Amen.

733 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

sts. 1–6



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we know there will be a glorious day when You shall return and have everyone bow their knee to our Lord Jesus. As that day hastens toward us, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we might meet it and Him rightly; this we ask in the name of Jesus, who with the Holy Spirit is one God and one Lord, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:4-6

(There is a day coming when God will keep His promise and return.)

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 90:1-12; antiphon: v. 17

- L** Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;
- C** **yes, establish the work of our hands!**
- L** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- C** **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**
- L** You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!”
- C** **For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**
- L** You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- C** **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**
- L** For we are brought to an end by Your anger; by Your wrath we are dismayed.
- C** **You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence.**
- L** For all our days pass away under Your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- C** **The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;**
- L** yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- C** **Who considers the power of Your anger, and Your wrath according to the fear of You?**
- L** So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

- L** Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;
- C** **yes, establish the work of our hands!**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:31b-39

(We are more than conquerors in Christ and in Christ alone!)

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Psalm 103:17a

- A** Alleluia. The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him.
- C** Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:35-40

(We do not know when the Lord is coming back, but He tells us to be ready at any moment.)

- A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁵[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

- A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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SERMON

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

Stand

781 WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

sts. 1-2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A** Let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs.
- C** **Lord, we ask in Your mercy to hear and answer our prayers.**

- A** Almighty God, You created this world from nothing, and by Your will it exists to this day;
- C** **yet there is coming a day when You will be revealed, the world will be judged, and we will be home forever.**
- A** We know that we are but strangers here;
- C** **heaven is our home. Bring us home as You have planned before the creation of the world.**
- A** We look around our world, and we do not understand it;
- C** **we see things we do not understand, such as violence against others, and our hearts are broken.**
- A** We long for the day Isaiah prophesied that will come;
- C** **today, however, You have made us Your hands, feet, and heart to other people as long as we are here.**
- A** Therefore, we lift up those who are suffering in this life, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, be with them, provide for their needs, and comfort them in their hour of affliction, reminding them of their great reward.
- C** **Help us remember Paul’s reminder that our sufferings are not worthy of being compared with the glory that awaits us.**
- A** You have commanded us to pray for rulers everywhere in Your Word.
- C** **We lift up our President, all members of Congress, and our state and local leaders, and ask that they would be led by Your Spirit to make decisions pleasing to You and helpful for us, as well as all who rule this world.**
- A** For those whose needs are not known to us, we lift them up in silence, knowing You will hear and answer.

A moment of silence is observed.

A Lord Jesus, we look forward to the day when tomorrow is no more;
C **hear our prayers and keep us in the true faith, so we need not worry about tomorrow or eternity;**

A for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, the same yesterday, today, and forever.
C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

A Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

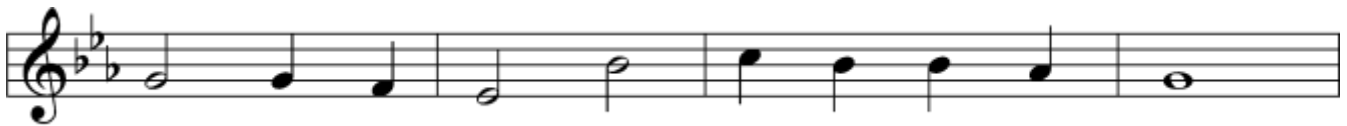
A The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us
and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor
and ✠ give us peace.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

878 ABIDE WITH ME



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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